

REMARKS

The Official Action dated August 13, 2003 has been carefully considered. Accordingly, the changes presented herewith, taken with the following remarks, are believed sufficient to place the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9, 13, 15-22, 24 and 25 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 21 and 22 are independent.

Claim Objections

Claim 26 has been cancelled without prejudice rendering the objection *moot*.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 14-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 11, 12 and 14. This amendment was done solely to further the prosecution of the application.

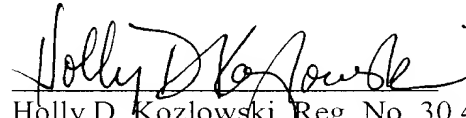
Independent claims 21 and 22 have been similarly amended to that of claim 1 to incorporate the patentable feature the Examiner describes on page 7 of the Office Action, i.e. a venturi section having a convergent section, a straight section and a divergent section, wherein the UV light illuminating means and reflective means are positioned at the divergent section of the venturi.

It is therefore asserted that the amendments made to the present claims render the rejections of claims 1-9, 11-13, 19, 20 and 21-26 *moot*.

Conclusions

In view of the foregoing it is asserted that the present claims overcome all of the Examiner's rejections and are thus patentable. Reconsideration and an early allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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